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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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TETSUYA KAWANABE)
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Application No.: 09/853,710)
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Filed: May 14, 2001)
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
SYSTEM, IMAGE DATA :
PROCESSING METHOD,)
AND STORAGE MEDIUM : August 16, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) Japan 9-46470
- (2) Japan 2000-132398
- (3) Japan 11-272656
- (4) Japan 8-305654
- (5) Japan 11-205523


These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese application from which the above-identified application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, namely Japan 2000-144029. A copy of a Japanese Office Action dated May 31, 2004 is enclosed.

English language abstracts for the documents (1) to (5) have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for each of these documents is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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